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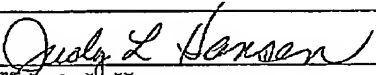
In re Application of:

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

A separate Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and
authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is
included with this Amendment.

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